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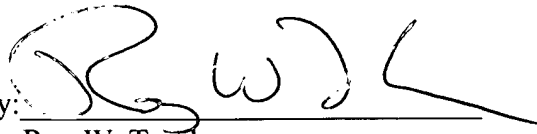
In a final office action dated November 30, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Kleinsorge et al. (US Patent 6,247,109) in view of Larson (US Patent 6,115,705). Claims 5, 6 and 10-15 were allowed.

Independent claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled. Dependent claims 2-4, 8 and 9 have been amended to changed the dependency of the claims. As amended, claims 2 and 3 depend from allowed claim 5, claim 4 depends from allowed claim 6, and claims 8 and 9 depend from allowed claim 11. Because these dependent claims now depend from allowed claims, they are also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims. In addition, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney by telephone if there are outstanding issues left to be resolved to place this case in condition for allowance.

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